

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

ROLL CALL

- Members present: Erin Mignin
Joe Garson
John Coziar
Garry Klaus

APPROVAL OF July 18, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

- Motion to approve minutes as written was made, approved, and carried by all. Minutes will be made official and sent to city for record.

GUESTS/PUBLIC FORUM

REQUESTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS - None

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Director Rosen updated the Commission members that the Highland Parks & Rec. Dept. will be awarded a grant from T-Mobile's Hometown Grant program in the amount of \$45,000. Official announcement will take place on September 28, 2023 @ the Thursday Night Concert. Other updates included the revenue for kayak rentals in July was over \$1,000; indoor pool upgrades were made from the Sheila Weber funds, the Old City Lake is having its spillway replaced and we will be obtaining costs to dredge out as much as we can since this is the secondary water supply for the city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Survey of Facilities & Programs – John C. commented about the playground at Glik Park. Director Rosen stated that the solution will, unfortunately have to be removing broken portions as parts for that 30 year old playground are obsolete. However, the Highland Jaycees are looking at some options to replace the equipment with new play features.

NEW BUSINESS

- Director Rosen shared with the commission that although he had intended to have at least two electric pedestals decorated during the Street Art Festival, it was decided that it would be best to hold off. The reason was that after a brief discussion with the Light & Power Director, Rosen realized that there was some a mutual misunderstanding of what the artwork should look like.
- Therefore, the commission recommended that we focus on writing in the RFP that the art work should imitate nature related themes within the park. For example; a tree trunk, grasses, birds, etc.
- A comment was made that interpreting art is a slippery slope because if one would look at the mural, lots of people view that and that was created by 6th graders.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at the Korte Recreation Center.